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### Remarks

Please enter the present amendment in the cited application. Entry of this amendment is proper because it places the case in condition for allowance, or, alternatively, in better form for consideration on appeal.

#### The 112 Rejection

In the outstanding Office Action, (paper No. 8), claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 because neither claim 2 nor 11 provided antecedent basis for the phrase "the circulation loop." Claim 11 has been amended to now recite that the system further comprises a recirculation loop.

For the reason stated above, the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection has been overcome, and the rejection is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

#### The 103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 12-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Chan et al. 5,647,391 in view of Lascombes 5,318,750.

Claims 7, 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Chan in view of Lascombes as applied to respective claims 1 or 2 above and further in view of Leverenz 3,710,811.

#### The Amended Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim a chemical mechanical polishing slurry having an insoluble solids content in combination with the previously recited elements of claim 1. None of the references alone or in combination teach or suggest a chemical mixing system which includes an insoluble solids content chemical mechanical polishing slurry.

Neither Chan nor Lascombes nor their hypothetical combination teach or suggest Applicant's invention as presently claimed. Specifically neither Chan nor Lascombes nor their hypothetical combination teach or suggest a chemical mechanical polishing slurry having

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insoluble solids content. Accordingly, amended claim 1, and all claims depending from claim 1 are allowable.

In addition to the above, claims 1, 2, and 3 have been further amended to correct minor grammatical and antecedent matters and to conform the wording of claims 2 and 3 to the amended form of claim 1.

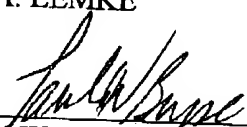
Conclusion

All of the rejections of the claims have been overcome and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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